

A<sup>1</sup> The composition has an excellent balance of toughness and stiffness."

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 1, at page 13 line 4 insert "elastomeric" before "impact modifier".

Cancel Claim 3.

Add the following new claim:

A<sup>2</sup> 4. The aromatic resin composition of Claim 1 wherein the elastomeric impact modifier is ethylene/propylene/diene monomer copolymer rubber.

REMARKS

I. The Abstract of the Disclosure

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for pointing out that the application does not contain an abstract and requesting Applicant to furnish an abstract on a separate sheet. Applicant has enclosed together with this response an Abstract as page 14 of the application; and also formally entered the language as an amendment above. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter was introduced through introduction of the Abstract, as it finds support throughout the application; for example, the language of Claim 1 and the Summary of the Invention.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-2 under 35 USC 103(a) over Paschke et al and Claim 3 under 35 USC 103(a) over Paschke et al in view of Desio et al

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-2 as unpatentably obvious over Paschke et al, citing the reference as disclosing filled polythalamide blends comprising polythalamide, a crystalline polypropylene, a carboxylated polypropylene and reinforcing filler. The Examiner cites the melting point of such resins and ratios of the various components. The Examiner concludes that while Paschke et al do not specifically disclose melt viscosity in the same units as encompassed in Applicant's claims, conversion to the disclosed units is possible. As to Claim 3, the Examiner applies Paschke et al together with Desio et al, the latter for its disclosure of polyphthalamides having glass transition temperatures above about 75 C.